

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-401-C - ORDER NO. 93-735

AUGUST 19, 1993

IN RE: Application of Pond Branch Telephone ) ORDER GRANTING  
Company for an Increase in its ) PETITION TO  
Authorized Rate of Return. ) INTERVENE  
 ) OUT OF TIME

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition to Intervene Out of Time dated August 6, 1993, filed by Elliott F. Elam, Jr., Esquire, Staff Attorney with the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate). In the Petition, Mr. Elam states that on June 28, 1993, Pond Branch Telephone Company filed a Petition with the Commission for an increase in its authorized rate of return on rate base. Mr. Elam also states that the notice of the proceeding was not received by the Consumer Advocate's Staff until after the expiration of the return date and that Intervention at this time will not delay any hearing scheduled by the Commission. The Consumer Advocate now comes before the Commission to be admitted as a party out of time.

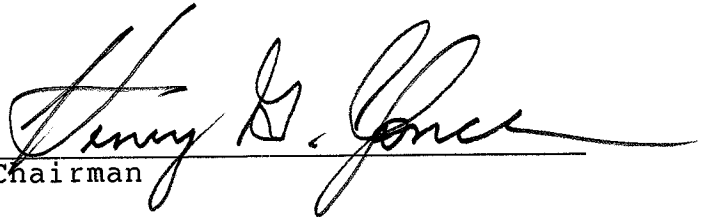
The Commission has considered this request and believes that the Consumer Advocate states good cause to be admitted out of time, and further, that no party would be prejudiced by the admission of the Consumer Advocate as a party.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed by the Consumer Advocate is hereby granted.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)